

CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising water, at least one metal salt of phosphorylated ascorbic acid, at least one water-soluble UV-screening agent comprising at least one sulphonic function, and at least one maleic anhydride polymer.
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2. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein the composition is a uniform composition.
- 10 3. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein maleic anhydride units of the polymer are in hydrolysed form and in the form of alkaline salts.
- 15 4. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is a copolymer comprising maleic anhydride units and comonomer units selected from the group consisting of vinyl acetate, vinyl alcohol, vinylpyrrolidone, olefins containing from 4 to 12 carbon atoms, alkyl vinyl ethers, styrene, and mixtures thereof.
- 20 5. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer has a mole fraction of maleic anhydride units of between 0.1 and 1.
- 25 6. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is in the form of the sodium salt.
7. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is a copolymer of styrene and of maleic anhydride.
- 30 8. The composition according to claim 7, wherein the copolymer of styrene and of maleic anhydride is in a 50/50 ratio.

9. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the molar ratio between the amount of maleic anhydride units in said polymer and the metal salt of phosphorylated ascorbic acid ranges from 0.005 to 10.

5 10. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the polymer is present in an amount ranging from 0.05% to 30% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

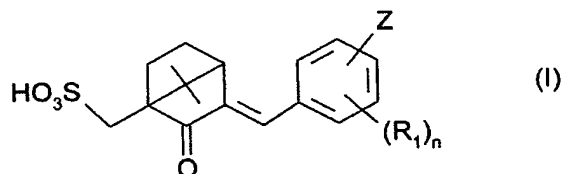
10 11. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal salt of phosphorylated ascorbic acid is selected from the group consisting of alkali metal ascorbyl phosphates, alkaline-earth metal ascorbyl phosphates, transition metal ascorbyl phosphates, and mixtures thereof.

15 12. The composition according to claim 1, comprising magnesium ascorbyl phosphate.

20 13. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the metal salt of phosphorylated ascorbic acid is present in an amount ranging from 0.1% to 20% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

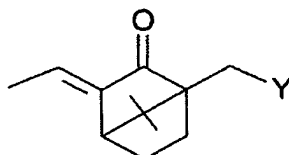
25 14. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the screening agent is selected from the group consisting of sulphone- or sulphonate-containing benzylidenecamphor, benzophenone, and phenylbenzimidazole compounds, and mixtures thereof.

15. The composition according to claim 1, comprising a benzylidenecamphor derivative of formula (I):



in which:

- Z denotes a group

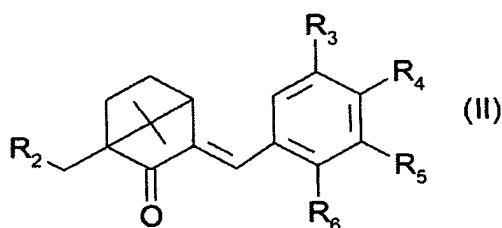


in which Y represents -H or -SO₃H, which is optionally neutralized,

- 5 - n is equal to 0 or is a number ranging from 1 to 4,
 - R₁ represents one or more linear or branched, identical or different alkyl or alkoxy radicals containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms.

16. The composition according to claim 1, comprising benzene-
10 1,4-bis(3-methylidenecamphor-10-sulphonic acid).

17. The composition according to claim 1, comprising a
benzylidenecamphor derivative of formula (II):

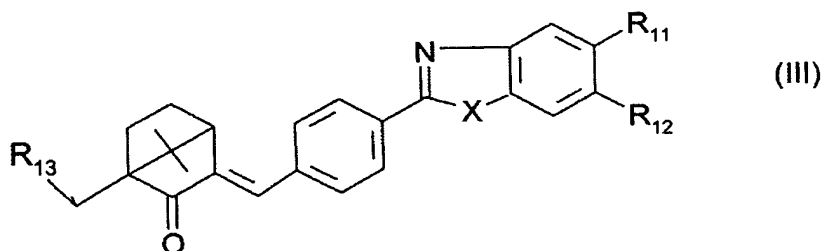


15 in which:

- R₂ denotes a hydrogen atom or an -SO₃H radical,
 - R₃, R₄, R₅ and R₆, which may be identical or different, represent a hydroxyl group, a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms approximately, a linear or branched alkenyl radical containing from 2 to 4 carbon
20 atoms, a linear or branched alkoxy radical containing from 1 to 4 carbon atoms, a linear or branched alkenyloxy radical containing from 2 to 4 carbon atoms, or a halo radical; furthermore, only one radical R₃ to R₆ may be an -SO₃H radical, at least one of the radicals R₃ to R₆ denoting the -SO₃H radical when R₂ is a hydrogen atom.

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18. The composition according to claim 1, comprising a benzylidenecamphor derivative of formula (III):



in which:

- 5 - R₁₁ denotes a hydrogen atom, a linear or branched alkyl or alkoxy radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms or an -SO₃H radical,
- R₁₂ denotes a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl or alkoxy radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms,
- R₁₃ denotes a hydrogen atom or an -SO₃H radical,
- 10 - at least one of the radicals R₁₁ and R₁₃ denoting an -SO₃H radical,
- X is an oxygen or sulphur atom or a group -NR-, R being a hydrogen atom or a linear or branched alkyl radical containing from 1 to 6 carbon atoms.

19. The composition according to claim 1, wherein the amount
15 of screening agent(s) ranges from 0.01% to 10% by weight relative to the total weight of the composition.

20. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said
composition is in the form of an emulsion.

21. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said
composition is in the form of a cosmetic or dermatological composition.

22. A method for depigmenting and/or bleaching the skin,
25 preventing and/or combating skin marks, wrinkles and/or fine lines on the skin, for preventing and/or combating the signs of ageing of the skin and/or for combating

the harmful effects of UV radiation, comprising applying to the skin an effective amount of the composition of Claim 1.

23. A method for treating age marks, comprising applying to the
5 skin an effective amount of the composition of Claim 1.

24. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises a physiologically acceptable medium.

10 25. The composition according to claim 1, wherein said composition further comprises a topically acceptable medium.

26. The composition according to Claim 1, wherein said composition is in the form of an O/W emulsion.
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27. A method for preparing a uniform aqueous composition comprising at least one metal salt of phosphorylated ascorbic acid and at least one water-soluble UV-screening agent comprising at least one sulphonic function, comprising combining water, at least one maleic anhydride polymer, at least one
20 metal salt of phosphorylated ascorbic acid, and at least one water-soluble UV-screening agent.